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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING

2 AUGUST 1957

The following were present:

Mr. R. S. Kain State Army Mr. J. A. Minogue Capt. R. E. Styles Navy LCdr. H. W. Holschuh Navy Air Force Lt. Col. H. K. Avery CIA (Vice Chairman) 25X1 CIA (Secretary)

The vice chairman announced receipt of official notification of the appointment of Mr. James A. Minogue as the alternate NIS Committee member and NIS Coordinator for the Department of the Army effective 23 June 1957, vice Major James W. Jacobson.

Annual Report of the NIS Program

The vice chairman announced that this special meeting had been called to give the members an opportunity to read the draft of the Annual Report of the NIS Program for FY 1957. He pointed out in his capacity as Coordinator that this was a report by of the NIS Program, and while NIS Committee approval is not required it was hoped that this report reflected the Committee's general views. The members agreed that the report presented an objective appraisal of the program, its accomplishments, and the major problems still confronting it. Copies of the report will be sent to the members as soon as the official copies are delivered to the Secretary, NSC, the Joint Staff, and the IAC members.

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3. Changes in FY 1958 NIS Production Schedule

Copies of Change Sheet No. 1 for the FY 1958 NIS Production Schedule were distributed to the members. The vice chairman informed the Committee that the changes were proposed by State, Army, and Navy and, with one exception, they either removed sections from the schedule which had been submitted in the last month of FY 1957, or added sections on which the agencies had defaulted in FY 1957. The one exception was Army's proposed substitution of Section 80(M) on NIS 13A for Section 80(M)3 on NIS 26 which had been scheduled for FY 1958. The Committee approved the proposed changes in the FY 1958 NIS Production Schedule, which are as follows:

			Previous	
NIS No.	Area	Section	Date	Revised Date
3	France	53	FY 1957	July 1957
8	Portugal	46	FY 1957	August 1957
9	Spain	82M	FY 1957	July 1957
10	Norway	4.6	FY 1957	August 1957
11	Sweden	65M	FY 1957	Sep 1957
13A	East Germany	80M	FY 1960	April 1958
16	Austria	53	FY 1957	August 1957
26	U.S.S.R.	80M3	Dec 1957	canceled
26-II	Soviet Central Asia	24M	July 1957	" (rec'd June '53)
26-III	Urals and West Siberian Plain	21M	July 1957	" (rec'd June '53)
33	Iran	Supp VI	FY 1957	Nov 1957
39B	Nationalist China	60X	FY 1957	August 1957
50A	Ghana	53	Aug "	canceled
				(rec'd June '53)
50C	French West Africa,	24	July "	canceled
	Togo, Spanish Sahara			(rec'd June '53)
75	Nicaragua	36	FY 1957	August 1957
78	Cuba	53	FY 1957	July 1957
108	Int. Communism	Part II	FY 1957	Oct 1957
108	Int. Communism	Part III	FY 1957	Aug 1957

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4. Treatment of NIS Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal) on NIS Area 26 (USSR)

The vice chairman noted that the memoranda from the Chapter IX Coordinator reporting on the meetings of the Chapter IX Subcommittee on 24 May and 11 June 1957

indicated that production of NIS Chapter IX (M) on NIS 26 (USSR) was being planned in a five-part regional breakdown. He stated that inquiry of the Chapter IX Coordinator disclosed that the indicated five-part treatment is to be considered as a proposal by the Chapter IX Subcommittee to the NIS Committee for its decision in the matter.

The members were informed that after a study of the proposal in OBI, the conclusion was reached that treatment of NIS Chapter IX (M) on NIS 26 in several parts might be desirable because of the complexity of the area and materials involved. However, it was also concluded that treatment of this Chapter IX in three parts rather than five parts as proposed by the Chapter IX Subcommittee would be more logical from the standpoint of coverage of the area by commonly known regions, as well as making it far more convenient for NIS users to find desired information. To this end the following counterproposal was submitted by the vice chairman for consideration of the Committee:

NIS Chapter IX (M) for NIS Area 26 to be produced in three parts, each to be composed of Sections 90, 91, and 92. One part will treat with the USSR as a whole; one part with the European USSR, and one part with the Asiatic USSR. The first will give the over-all mapping picture of the entire area, and the last two parts will cover their respective areas from a regional standpoint. The division between the two regional parts to be an arbitrary line running down through the Urals.

The vice chairman asked the members to study the proposal of the Chapter IX Subcommittee and the alternate proposal of OBI, and be prepared to discuss this matter at the next NIS Committee meeting.

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6. Suspense Items

The vice chairman reported the following overdue suspense items:

Section 42 on NIS 88 -- on suspense since 27 June awaiting embassy comments;

Section 55 on NIS 21 -- on suspense since 28 June awaiting embassy comments;

Section 51 on NIS 97 -- on suspense since 1 July awaiting embassy comments.

The State member agreed to report by telephone on the status of these sections.

7. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at the call of the chairman.

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